(d) Due to the imperatives for secuity aspects, possibility of using Safdarjung Airport for micro lights, tourist flights, ballooning carnivals or Horticulture Park has limitations.

(e) Does not arise.

Use of old 747 Aircrafts

1906. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the age of many 747 aircrafts is such that these can no more be used as per international standards; and

(b) whether any such aircrafts are still in use and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) As long as aircraft are maintained as per approved maintenance programme of DGCA and all mandatory requirements stipulated by the DGCA as well as the regulatory authorities of the aircraft manufacturing countries are complied with, they are considered airworthy and can operate on all international/domestic sectors. All the aircraft in Air India's fleet are maintained in airworthy condition and meet all the requirements of the regulatory authorities.

Black marketing of concessional tickets

1907. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the airline companies have offered attractive economy packages for passengers to attract tourists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that concessional tickets have been purchased by travel agents denying benefits to legitimate passengers, and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check black marketing by travel agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Many airline companies offer promotional fares/schemes to attract tourists.

(b) and (c) No such complaints have been received by the Government.

Operation of Airport at Lakhimpurkhiri District in U.P.

†1908. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that an aerodrome is in existence for over the last ten years at Palia Kalan near Lakhimpurkhiri district in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for not making the same operational whereas the aerodrome is situated near the Dudhwa National Park and bear importance in view of tourism; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to make the same operational and by when it is likely to be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Palia Kalan airstrip in district Lakhimpurkhiri belongs to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. It is in existence for last eight years and State Government is operating their aircraft upto 5700 kg weight for day flights only. Airports Authority of India at present have no plan to make it operational for bigger aircraft.

Installation of Automated Baggage Reconciliation System

1909. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to instal Automated Baggage Reconciliation System at Indira Gandhi International Airport to reduce the incidents of loss of baggage;

(b) the details thereof and by when it will be installed; and

(c) by when the system will be installed in other International Airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines, who has been designated as the single agency for x-ray screening of the registered

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